For
a
person
to
have
a
meaningful
influence
on
the
world,

they

must

first

get

their

own

life

in

order.

They

need

to

ground

themselves

in

the

principle

of

Dao

so

that

their

daily

actions

are

wholesome.

When

a

person's

life

works

beautifully,
that

positive

energy

naturally

influences

their

family.

If

the

family

works

well,
their
influence
spreads
outward
to

the

community.
When

a

community

works

together

in

harmony,
it

shifts

the

spirit

of

the

entire

nation.

A

healthy nation, in

turn

,

positively

influences

the

whole

world.

Once

the

world

is

working

in

alignment,

this

powerful

ripple

effect

spreads

across

the

entire

cosmos.

A

person

can

learn

to

become

open,

receptiv
e,

and

quiet

They

can

even

learn

to

live

without

constant

desires.
Returning

to

this

state

of

peace

is

called

stillness,

and

returning

to

stillness

is

how

we

return

to

true

life.

All

behaviour

is

made

up

of

opposites.

Doing

too

much

of

any

one

thing

will

bring

out

its

total

opposite.

If

a

person

pushes

too

hard

in

one

direction,

the

other

side

will

soon

appear.

Striving

too

hard

to

be

beautiful

can

make

a

person

ugly

on

the

inside.

Trying

desperately

to

be

kind

can

become

a

form

of

selfishness.
An

obsession

with

staying

alive

often

shows

a

deep

worry

about

dying.

In

the

same

way,

a

loud

show

of

strength

usually

suggests

inner

insecurity.

True

power

does

not

come

from

forcing

others,

but

through

cooperation.

Independence comes from being of service

to

the

community.

Ultimate freedom comes from following the natural order of things.

Thirty

percent

of

people

love

life

and

fear

death.

Another

thirty

percent

prefer

death

and

avoid

life.
Another

thirty

percent

fear

both

life

and

death.

This

means

ninety

percent

of

people

suffer

from

the

deep

tension

that

comes

from

not

understanding

how

opposites

work.

Only

ten

percent

of

people

have

the

wisdom

to

accept

both

life

and

death,

allowing

them

to

truly

enjoy

the

dance

of

existence.

Even

though

life

and

death

are

opposites,

they

cannot

be

separated

.

Picking

one

over

the

other

is

useless.

Choosing

life

over

death

denies

how

the

world

works

and

creates

stress.

Choosing

death

over

life

does

the

exact

same

thing.

This

inner

stress

causes

people

to

make

mistakes,

and

making

mistakes

is

far

deadlier

than

existence

itself.

The

person

who

constantly

fears

they

will

suffer

is

already

suffering

from

their

own

fear.

Since

all

of

creation

is

one

connected

whole,

being

separate

is

just

an

illusion.

In

the

end,

the

leader

and

the

group

members

are

all

part

of

the

same

team.

If

a

person

wants

to

prosper,

they

should

practice

generosity.

Natural

law

is

completely

blind,
and

its

justice

is

strictly

neutral.

The

consequences

of

our

behaviours

are

inescapable,

and

simply

existing

is

no

excuse

for

avoiding

them.

A

wise

leader

possesses

three

core

qualities:

compassion

for

all

creatures,
material

simplicity
,

and

a

deep

sense

of

modesty.

Because

the

leader

is

compassionate,
they

protect

every

person's

right

to

life.

By

caring

for

an

individual,

they

naturally

boost

the

energy

of

the

entire

team.

This

sense

of

equality

is

where

true

greatness

lies

because

compassion,

sharing

,

and

equality

are

what

sustain

life.

In

the

end,

all

people

are

one.

The

wise

leader

knows

that

the

true

reward

for

doing

good

work

is

found

in

the

work

itself.

The

sun

never

asks

if

it

is

shining

enough;

it

simply

shines.

Wisdom

is

its

own

reward.

To

do

their

best,

a

leader

must

take

good

care

of

themselves,

value

who

they

are,

and

allow

others

to

value

them

too.

The

best

leaders

emphasise

presence

over

performance.

They

understand

that

a

group's

natural

process

is

delicate,
so

they

let

it

unfold

on

its

own.

Watching

this

process

happen

brings

the

leader

a

deep

sense

of

wholeness.

They

lead

by

example

with

a

light

touch,

running

the

group

as

carefully

as

if

they

were

balancing

a

tray

of

glasses.

By

leading

selflessl
y,

the

wise

leader

grows

and

endures.

They

create

a

climate

of

total

openness.

They

see

clearly

and

shed

light

on

everyone

around

them.

A

wise

leader

never

tries

to

force

others

to

change

their

minds.

Instead,

they

simply

hold

their

values

and

live

by

them.

Because

their

dedication

is

perfect,

they

do

not

need

to

travel

great

distances

or

search

for

outside

approval.

When

a

leader's

connection

to

Dao

is

complete,
it

becomes

obvious

to

everyone

that

they

are

guided

by

a

higher

principle.
A

wise

leader

embraces

spiritual

awareness

as

a

natural

part

of

leading

a

group.
They

live

in

harmony

with

deep

spiritual

values

and

display

them

openly,
speaking

of

their

beliefs

even

if

it

risks

offending

some

people.
They

understand

that

a

community's

true

power

comes

from

its

traditional

roots.
The

wise

leader

knows

that

truth

is

more

important

than

smooth-talking.

They

focus

on

helping

others

rather

than

winning

arguments,
and

they

react

to

reality

with

practical

wisdom

instead

of

hiding

behind

complicated

ideas.

The

wise

leader

easily

separates

theory

from

practice.

They

avoid

office

gossip

and

never

brag

to

make

themselves

feel

big.

True

wisdom

means

realising

that

no

single

person

has

all

the

answers.

The

wise

leader

never

pretends

to

be

special

because

they

know

that

faking

knowledge

only

brings

pain.

For

them,

it

is

a

total

relief

to

simply

smile

and

say,

"I

don't

know."

A

wise

leader

does

not

over-service

their

team

or

rush

in

to

fix

every

mistake.

When

a

group

member

fails

or

gets

something

wrong,
the
leader
stays
calm
and
resists
the
urge
to

interfere.

They

do

not

feel

the

need

to

constantly

step

in

and

correct

people.

Instead,

the

wise

leader

focuses

on

doing

their

own

job

well,

while

trusting

that

each

team

member

is

doing

what

is

right

for

them.

It

does

not

help

anyone

when

a

leader

slaves

away

for

their

team

or

does

tasks

that

people

should

do

for

themselves.

In

fact,

when

a

leader

demands

too

much,

it

is

actually

healthy

for

the

team

to

refuse

those

demands.

A

wise

leader

does

not

overprotect

people

from

life's

natural

lessons.

They
know
that
the
light
of
awareness
shines
equally
on
what
is
pleasant
and
what
is
painful.

A

leader

actually

harms

their

team

when

they

wait

on

them

too

much.
The
ideal
world
is
not
one
where
people
wait
around
for
someone
else
to
rescue

them.
It
is
a
world
where
every
single
person
learns
to
step
up
and
show
up
for

themselves.
A

wise

leader

always

meets

demands

with

kindness

and

stands

ready

to

help

anyone

who

asks.

However,

they

strictly

mind

their

own

business

and

never

meddle

in

the

habits,

personal

affairs,

or

morals

of

their

team

members.

They

do

not

run

around

trying

to

correct

people

or

force

others

to

follow

their

own

version

of

what

is

right.

A

true

leader

can

live

peacefully

alongside

people

who

make

completely

different

life

choices.

While

the

wise

leader

serves

and

helps

freely,
they
never
become
a
slave
to
the
whims
or
selfish
desires
of

their

team.

They

know

that

over-servicing

people

actually

hurts

them.

The

leader

is

perfectly

content

if

they

find

themselves

standing

alone.

They

simply

focus

on

living

their

own

life

with

a

great

and

fantastic

spirit.

By

quietly

living

a

great

life,

a

leader

saves

a

thousand

times

more

souls

than

an

average

leader

who

constantly

preaches.

To

the

wise

leader,

the

only

thing

that

can

ever

truly

be

wrong

is

their

own

attitude.

When

their

inner

attitude

is

right,
everything

else

in

the

world

falls

into

place.

They

see

the

good

in

every

person

and

let

their

powerful

worldview

shine

through

daily,

normal

conversations.

They

also

know

that

tackling

big

goals

with

a

weak

or

wavering

faith

leads

to

failure.
A

wise

leader

never

rushes

into

a

remarkable

task

until

they

are

fully

ready

to

do

it

magnificently.

After all,

doing

big

things

does

not

make

a

person

great,

but

becoming

great

inside

naturally

leads

to

doing

remarkable

things.

A

wise

leader

is

impeccable

with

their

word

and

speaks

to

their

own

mind

with

deep

care.

They

feed

their

thoughts

with

words

that

heal,

bless,

and

uplift.

Because

the

mind

listens

deeply

and

acts

on

the

truth

it

is

given,
it
shapes
the
leader’s
entire

life.

Real

growth

always

spreads

outward

from

a

fertile

centre,
and
the
leader
is
that

centre.

The

wise

leader

has

total

faith

in

their

ability

to

handle

whatever

happens.

If

they

need

a

friend,
that
friend
appears
at
the

perfect

moment.

If

there

is

a

person

they

need

to

meet,

an

introducti on

happens

naturally.

If

there

is

a

book

they

need

to

read,

it

finds

its

way

into

their

hands

at

just

the

right

time.

All

the

knowledge

they

need

flows

from

both

inside

and

outside

sources,

perfectly

matching

the

needs

of

the

moment.

When

the

team

is

ready,

the

wise

leader appears.

The same inner drive that pushes the leader

forward

also

lives

within

the

group

members

and

the

environment,

pulling

everyone

together.

As

the

leader

uses

their

mind,

they

develop

their

brain,

waking

up

new

cells

and

creating

an

instrument

perfectly

tuned

for

wisdom.
A

wise

leader

never

accepts

one

person

while

refusing

another,
nor

do

they

try

to

own

or

control

anyone's

life.

Leadership

is

never

about

winning.

It

is

about

learning

how

things

naturally

happen

and

living

in

perfect

alignment

with

that

flow.

Chasing

a

busy

path

creates

an

obsession

with

material

things,
while

choosing

a

quiet

path

leads

to

a

deeply

conscious

life.

In

a

world

focused

only

on

getting

more,
those

who

have

a

lot

become

greedy,
and

those

who

have

nothing

are

pushed

to

steal.

While

human

greed

travels

in

a

straight

line

toward

a

dead

end,

natural

life

travels

in

cycles

and

circles.
A

wise

leader

chooses

a

meditative

life.

Becoming

aware

of

this

natural

flow

helps

everyone

move

toward

wisdom

and

feel

connected

to

the

unity

of

all

creation.

Because

of

this,

a

wise

leader

never

holds

onto

possessions

they

no

longer

need.

Having

great

power

only

brings

worry,
and
having
total
power
results
in
absolute

boredom.

A

truly

wise

leader

renounces

total

power.

Instead,

they

happily

act

as

an

equal

group

member,

a fish,

an insect,

or

a plant.

Events

carry

their

own

natural

strength.

They

simply

happen

in

accordance

with

how

the

universe

works.

A

wise

leader

follows

this

natural

order

of

events

rather

than

copying

the

habits

of

a

consumer-driven

society.

Ask

yourself:

What

is

truly

important?

Getting

more

possession
s,

or

becoming

more

conscious?

Which

is

better:

holdin
g

on,

or

letting

go?

What

a

person

owns

completely

defines

how

they

live

their

life.

Excessive consumption can only happen by exploiting other people.

Today,

the

world's

goods

are

unevenly

spread;

a

few

have

a

great

deal,

while

most

have

very

little,
and
we
are
running
out
of

resources.
Owning

too

much

creates

a

heavy

burden.

The

more

a

person

gets,
the

more

they

have

to

look

after,
and

the

more

they

stand

to

lose.

Is

that

truly

owning

things,

or

is

it

being

owned

by

them?

When

a

person

learns

to

give

up

unnecessary

items,
they

finally

free

themselves

from

the

exhausting

chore

of

looking

after

them.

The

wise

leader

knows

that

existence

is

a

single,

connected

whole.

No

one

can

sway

them

from

their

centre,
and
they
cannot
be
bought
or
tempted
by
offers
of

money,

love,

or

fame.

Instead,

the

leader's

only

job

is

to

guide

the

team

and

shed

light

on

what

is

happening.

A

wise

leader

avoids

interfering

because

stepping

in

too

much

makes

the

team

dependent

on

them.

The

fewer

rules

a

leader

creates,
the
better
off
the
group
will

be.
Rules

limit

freedom

and

squash

spontaneous

energy,
while

forcing

rules

on

people

only

makes

them

resist.

Manipulative

tricks

breed

sneaking

around,
and
every
strict
law
simply
creates
a

new

outlaw.

In

the

light

of

this

awareness,
the

group

naturally

behaves

well.
When

the

leader

practices

silence,
that

quietness

focuses

the

whole

room.

When

the

leader

relaxes,

the

group

discovers

its

own

natural

goodness.

Trying

to

fix

everything

deprives

the

group

of

the

healthy

struggles

they

need

to

grow.

When

a

leader

acts

unselfishly,

the

group

simply

does

what

needs

to

be

done.

To

lead

effectively,

you

must

stay

awake

to

reality.

An

aware

leader

always

knows

what

is

actually

happening.

Because

they

are

unbiased,

they

can

react

to

problems

in

a

balanced,

centred

way.

Ultimately,

wise

leadership

is

about

doing

less

and

becoming

more.

The

leader

understands

how

to

guide

the

group's

natural

process

because

they

are

a

process

themselves.

The

team's

journey

and

the

leader's

journey

unfold

in

the

exact

same

way,
guided
by
the
very
same
natural

law.

If

a

deep

silence

falls

over

the

room,
the

leader

lets

it

grow

until

something

new

appears.

If

a

storm

of

conflict

hits,

they

let

it

rage,
knowing
it
will
eventually
resolve
into

a

calm

state.

Hidden

issues

,

once

they

surface,

have

a

natural

way

of

fixing

themselves.

Energies

simply

arrive,

take

shape,

grow

strong,

find

a

resolution,

and

fade

away.

Guiding

what

is

actually

happening

is

much

more

powerful

than

pushing

for

what

you

wish

were

happening.

Showing

the

right

behaviour

is

always

better

than

forcing

rules

and

morality

on

others.

Because

they

hold

no

rigid

expectations,
no

outcome

is

ever

viewed

as

a

failure.

They

never

do

too

much,
they

avoid

being

overly

helpful,
and

they

never

worry

about

getting

credit.

By

stepping

back

and

letting

go

of

the

need

to

cling,

they

allow

everything

to

fall

into

place.

Imagine

standing

on

a

bridge,

simply

watching

your

thoughts

and

feelings

pass

by

beneath

you

without

trying

to

grab

them.

Once

an

event

takes

shape,

a

leader

stands

back

in

this

exact

way.
By

paying

attention

and

allowing

things

to

unfold,

they

watch

the

situation

reach

its

own

satisfying

conclusion.
This

is

a

time

for

deep

care

and

awareness.

True

consciousness

is

both

the

way

we

teach

and

the

lesson

itself.

A

wise

leader

pays

close

attention

to

how

people

behave

without

judging

them.

Because

of

this

calm

acceptance,

the

team

feels

safe

to

be

open

to

all

kinds

of

behaviour.

This

deep

openness

is

far

more

effective

than

any

system

of

judgment

people

have

ever

created.

The

leader

simply

follows

the

group's

lead

and

remains

ready

for

whatever

appears.

They

cooperate

fully

with

the

natural

law

of

the

Dao.
If

they

are

met

with

goodness

they

return

goodness.
In

their

pure

willingness

to

accept

the

present

moment,

they

seem

almost

childlike.

They

know

that

every

team

member

will

eventually

come

and

go,

so

they

never

grasp,

cling

,

worry

,

or

get

lost

in

fantasies

about

the

future.

True

learning

happens

when

team

members

are

open

with

one

another.

People

cannot

learn

if

they

are

wasting

their

time

trying

to

figure

out

how

to

please

the

boss.

A

wise

leader

replaces

sensationalism

with

real

learning,
showing

that

flashy

style

is

no

substitute

for

true

substance.

They

demonstrate

that

trying

to

make

a

big

impression

is

never

as

powerful

as

acting

from

your

inner

center.
Your

center

is

what

gives

you

endurance

and

the

ability

to

find

your

balance

when

things

get

chaotic.

A

centered

leader

is

not

swayed

by

passing

whims

or

sudden

excitements.

To

be

grounded

simply

means

to

be

down-to-earth,

carrying

weight

and

stability.

When

you

know

exactly

where

you

stand

and

what

you

stand

for,

you

have

found

your

ground.

This

groundedness

gives

a

leader

true

stability

and

a

clear

sense

of

self.

By

constantly

returning

to

an

awareness

of

what

is

happening

right

now,
the

wise

leader

clears

away

confusion

and

brings

light

to

the

entire

group.

A

wise

leader

can

work

in

any

setting,

handle

any

issue,

and

serve

well

without

a

single

complaint.

They

never

seek

out

a

fight.
If

a

conflict

comes

their

way,

the

wise

leader

simply

yields

and

steps

back,

knowing

it

is

far

better

to

retreat

than

to

overstep.

A

person

who

starts

an

attack

is

already

off-centre

and

easily

thrown

off

balance.

Even

so,

the

wise

leader

respects

their

attacker

and

never

gives

up

their

own

compassion.

They

never

use

their

skills

to

harm

anyone.

The

wise

leader

does

not

ignore

or

dismiss

any

encounter.
They

remain

completely

open

and

respond

to

whatever

arises,
knowing
there
is
no
virtue
in
waiting
until
things
get
so
bad
that
heroic
action
is
needed
to
fix

them.

True strength is

intelligence.

The

leader’s

weapon

is

not

force,
but

the

gentle

light

of

consciousness.

They

advance

smoothly

when

there

is

no

resistance.

If

they

are

attacked,

they

react

in

a

way

that

sheds

light

on

the

situation.

This

balance

is

a

matter

of

staying

centred

and

knowing

that

an

encounter

is

just

a

dance,

not

a

threat

to

their

existence.
If
the
leader
makes
a

point,
they

do

not

cling

to

it.

If

they

win,

they

remain

gracious

and

simply

tell

the

truth.

They

neither

run

away

from

encounters

nor

hunt

them

down;

they

neither

defend

nor

attack.

In

every

single

situation,

the

force

of

conscious

awareness

will

win.

The

wise

leader

settles

for

simply

doing

good

work.

The

wise

leader

focuses

entirely

on

helping

team

members

find

success,
knowing

there

is

always

plenty

of

success

to

go

around.
Sharing

success

with

others

is

the

highest

form

of

achievement.

A

wise

leader

understands

their

own

value

and

feels

a

deep

sense

of

purpose.

Their

reputation

naturally

grows

from

doing

excellent

work,
and

they

practice

everyday

greatness

exactly

where

they

are.

This

leadership

begins

at

home

with

family,

and

then

spreads

as

a

warm,

positive

attitude

toward

neighbours. Because

of

this

authentic

life,

team

members

naturally

look

to

the

leader

for

strength

and

good

judgment.

For

the

wise

leader,

the

absolute

greatest

joy

is

growing

and

knowing

they

are

moving

forward.

When

a

wise

leader

cannot

clearly

see

what

is

happening

in

a

group,

they

do

not

panic;

they

simply

relax.

They

look

gently

at

the

situation

using

their

inner

eye.

If

they

do

not

fully

understand

what

a

team

member

is

saying,

they

avoid

desperately

grasping

for

every

single

word.

Instead,

they

become

quiet

inside

and

listen

with

their

deepest

self.

When

they

are

puzzled

by

what

they

see

or

hear,

the

wise

leader

does

not

exhaust

themselves

trying

to

forcefully

figure

it

out.

They

step

back

and

remain

calm.

Because

the

leader

stays

calm,
complex

events

begin

to

appear

simple.

To

truly

know

what

is

happening,
you

must

simply

stay

aware.

A

wise

leader

learns

to

see

without

staring

and

listen

quietly

rather

than

listening

hard.

They

rely

on

intuition

and

reflection

instead

of

trying

to

over-analyse

every

detail.

The

more

a

leader

can

let

go

and

become

truly

open,

the

more

they

will

understand

exactly

what

is

happening.

A

wise

leader

knows

that

life's

deepest

truths

cannot

be

captured

in

words.

What

remains

unsaid

can

always

be

shown

through

action.

To

find

true

freedom,

a

leader

must

learn

to

live

simply.

They

use

what

they

already

have

and

bloom

exactly

where

they

are

planted.
They

stop

trying

to

escape

problems

by

constantly

moving

to

new

places,

changing

team

members,

or

switchin
g

careers. Instead,

they

choose

a

simple

life:

eating

local

food, wearing

basic

clothing, keeping

an

uncluttered

home,

and

maintaining

an

open

calendar

with

plenty

of

free

time.

They

look

after

their

spiritual

practice

and

let

family

traditions

grow

naturally.

To

become

a

wise

leader,

you

do

not

need

to

hunt

for

complicated

tasks;

you

simply

need

to

live.

As

you

do

your

daily

work

with

a

great

spirit,

bigger

responsibilities

will

find

you

on

their

own,
and

important

tasks

will

come

asking

to

be

done.

A

wise

leader

treats

the

quietest

team

members

with

the

most

care

and

respect,

knowing

that

everything

is

good

and

the

group

is

already

perfect.

The

wise

leader

carefully

designs

an

inner

vision

of

who

they

want

to

be,

holding

onto

it

with

complete

faith

and

purpose.

They

treat

every

person—
whether

of

high

or

low

status—

with

divine

respect.

They

speak

every

word

and

do

every

deed

with

the

utmost

care.

Once

they

understand

the

meaning

behind

a

book

or

a

rule,

they

happily

leave

it

behind.

They

keep

what

is

helpful,
throw

away

what

is

useless,

and

remain

completely

free

no

matter

what

laws

surround

them.

If

a

rule

is

tolerable,

they

follow

it.

If

a

rule

is

genuinely

harmful,

they

break

it.

A

wise

leader

studies

the

natural

processes

of

the

world:

The

light

in

the

sky,
the

gravity

of

the

earth,
the

unfolding

of

new

ideas,

the

emptiness

of

space,

and

the

fullness

of

life.

Sometimes,

they

simply

lie

down

in

the

grass,

realising

the

world

is

too

beautiful

and

vast

to

talk

about.

They

think

lightly

of

themselves

and

deeply

of

the

world.

They practice living in harmony with the changing seasons.

They practice emptying their heart of worries,

filling

their

belly,
staying

silent,

and

refusing

to

compete.

They

enjoy

carefree

wandering

and

accept

being

"useless"

to

the

frantic

demands

of

modern

society.

They

practice

focusing

on

abundance

rather

than

scarcity,

treating

everyone

fairly,

and

fiercely

caring

for

life.

By

fasting

the

mind

and

sitting

in

peaceful

forgetfulness,
they

remain

unshakable

all

day

long—

whether

they

are

standing,
walking,

sitting,

or

lying

down.

A

heart

that

learns

to

let

go

moves

lightly

through

the

world.

It

is

never

tense,

but

always

ready;

never

rigid

,

but

always

flexible

;

,

not

trapped

in

heavy

thinking

or

idle

dreaming.

Ultimately,

learning

to

let

go

must

happen

before

you

try

to

get

anything

else.

A

wise

leader

forgets

about

the

passing

years,

forgets

about

false

social

status,

and

leaps

boldly

into

the

boundless

universe

to

make

it

their

true

home.

To

protect

your

well-
being,
nurtur
e

calm,

clarity,

and

harmon
y,

and

your

physical

body

will

follow

with

health

and

ease.

Sleep

is

when

your

spirit

rests

and

renews

itself.

Honour

the

night,

and

your

life

will

bloom

with

energy.

The

greatest

delight

in

life

comes

from

associating

with

your

group.

Attend

their

gatherings

with

deep

humility;

even

if

they

place

you

at

the

very

back

of

the

room,

accept

it

gracefully.

Stand

firmly

on

the ground of equity,

believing that any flaw you think you see in

others

is

merely

a

reflection

of

something

hidden

within

yourself.

It

is

a

mistake

to

believe

that

a

wise

leader

stands

above

their

group

members.

True

leadership

comes

exclusively

from

knowing how to be of service.

The leader's main job is simply

to

be

aware

of

the

group's

natural

process,

understanding

that

every

member

has

a

deep

need

to

be

received

and

paid

attention

to.

When

nothing

seems

to

be

happening

in

a

group,

you

are

experiencing

the

"group

field".

Imagine

thirteen

group

members

sitting

together

in

a

circle;

it

is

the

shared

spirit

at

the

very

centre

of

that

circle

that

decides

the

nature

of

the

field.

A

wise

leader

intentionally

allows

time

for

silent

reflection

because

they

know

that

silence

is

a

perfect

source

of

strength

that

reveals

the

group's

true

mood.

They

allow

their

senses

to

rest,

knowing

it

is

far

better

to

remain

silent

at

the

risk

of

seeming

a

fool

than

to

speak

out

of

turn

and

remove

all

doubt

of

it.

When

a

person's

mouth

rushes

forward,
their

spirit

is

left

behind.

This

is

the

ultimate

way

of

life:

To

relax

what

is

tense,
to

fill

what

is

empty,
and

to

reduce

what

is

overflowing.

The

wise

leader

looks

at

the

world

clearly

without

blinking,

moves

forward

without

needing

to

know

everything,
and

pauses

without

needing

an

explanation.
They

blend

completely

with

the

world,
moving

smoothly

exactly

as

the

world

moves.

This

is

the

foundation

of

mental

hygiene—
following

this

way

keeps

the

mind

pure,
allows

you

to

dwell

in

simplicity,
and

keeps

you

in

perfect

harmony.

By

completely

surrenderi
ng

conflict,

the

wise

leader

experiences

a

free,
uninterrupte
d

flow

of

vital

energy.

They

look

as

radiant

as

a

child

and

enjoy

a

natural

immunity

to

inner

injury.

The

wise

leader

lets

their

eyes

delight

in

what

they

see,

their

ears

rejoice

in

what

they

hear,
and

their

mouth

speak

with

absolute

freedom.

They

let

their

mind

wander

creatively

while

cultivating

deep

vitality.

Because

their

body

stays

relaxed,
their

stamina

is

remarkable;

they

can

sing

for

a

long

time,

and

their

energy

remains

as

abundant

as

creation

itself.

It

is

as

if

the

wise

leader

is

permanently

and

newly

in

love

with

all

of

creation.

The

vitality

of

enlightenment

is

a

continuous,

beautiful

flow.

When
your
senses
follow
the
Dao,

your

body

flourishes.

When

your

mind

follows

the

Dao,

your

spirit

grows.

A

wise

leader

understands

that

the

Dao

is

not

about

possession,

but

appreciation.

To

truly

love

life

is

to

let

a

flower

stand

beautifully

in

the

sun.

What

a

person

plucks

for

their

own

selfish

gain

is

lost

to

the

world

forever.

A

wise

person

leaves

it

be,
knowing
that
life
is
meant
to
be
enjoyed
by
all

of

creation,

not

just

a

single

individual.

When

choosing

a

career,

ask

yoursel
f:

Are

you

considering

this

vocation

just

to

enjoy

the

salary,

the

fam

e,

the

positio

n,

or

a

change

of

scenery?
If

the

answer

is

yes,
you

will

never

find

true

success.

Instead,

look

at

the

actual

activities

demanded

by

the

job.

Knowing

the

daily

tasks,
the

repetitiv
e

drudgeries, the long

hours,

and

the

deep

concentratio
n

required,
would

you

still

choose

this

path

over

anything

else—
even

if

the

pay

stayed

exactly

the

same?

Would

you

do

this

work

simply

for

the

pure

pleasure

of

doing

it?

If

your

answer

is

yes,
then

your

choice

is

settled,

and

you

will

thrive.

You

will

enjoy

the

work

so

much

that

it

transforms

into

play.

Doing

it

happily

will

give

you

fresh

strength

each

day,

and

you

will

naturally

think

of

creative

improvements.

A

person

with

this

attitude

is

always

promoted

over

someone

who

is

only

there

for

the

pay

envelope.

Your

value

will

rise,
your

income

will

grow,
and

you

will

naturally

reach

the

top.

The

entire

world

is

looking

for

people

who

can

do

a

few

things

just

a

trifle

better

than

everyone

else.

Whenever

a

group

finds

such

a

person,

they

pay

them

well.

A

wise

leader

never

worries

about

developing

an

ability

and

finding

no

market

for

it.

The

jobs

that

always

go

begging

are

the

big-salaried

ones

because

true

intelligence

and

real

efficiency

are

so

incredibly

difficult

to

find.

To

achieve

true

success,

a

person

must

produce

something

out

of

the

ordinary

for

the

world.

You

will

produce

nothing

unusual

except

what

you

are

naturally

built

to

create.

To

find

out

what

this

is,

you

must

look

closely

at

the

activities

you

take

to

naturally.

When

considering

a

job,

many

people

forget

that

a

large

salary

means

nothing

if

they

cannot

perform

well;

without

real

ability,

they

will

soon

be

let

go.

A

wise

leader

knows

that

if

they

start

with

a

small

salary,

their

natural

ability

will

force

it

to

grow.

If

you

show

true

talent,

people

will

gladly

find

the

money

to

pay

you

what

you

are

worth.

To

achieve

true

success,

you

must

not

chase

a

job

just

because

it

looks

profitable.

You

must

be

naturally

built

for

the

work

you

choose.

Choosing

a

job

just

to

be

entertained

will

only

bring

boredom

and

distraction.

Picking

a

career

because

it

looks

easy

is

a

mistake;

no

work

is

truly

easy

except

the

work

you

were

born

to

do.

Do

not

select

a

path

simply

to

wear

good

clothes

or

to

sound

interesting

to

others.

Dressing

the

part

means

nothing

without

actual

ability,

and

empty

titles

will

never

satisfy

you.

If

you

choose

a

path

just

for

short

hours,

you

cannot

fool

the

world,

and

you

will

be

paid

accordingly.

The

extra

leisure

time

gained

this

way

will

only

be

a

loss

to

your

personal

growth.

Never

turn

your

back

on

a

job

because

it

seems

old-fashioned.

If

your

talent

fits

a

traditional

trade,

you

are

incredibly

lucky.

Traditional

work

is

always

in

high

demand,
and

if

you

can

add

a

fresh,

modern

touch

to

it,

your

success

is

guaranteed.

Do

not

switch

careers

just

because

you

are

restless.
Entering

the

wrong

vocation

will

never

calm

your

mind;

it

will

only

make

you

more

restless.

A

wise

leader

never

makes

the

mistake

of

thinking

that

their

real

life

will

start

tomorrow.

They

do

not

think,

"If

I

work

hard

enough

now,

I

can

finally

rest

later,"

or

"I
am
only
doing
this
boring
job
now
so
that
one
day
I
can
do
what
I
really
want."

The
greatest
error
is
believing
that
things
will
eventually
be
different
in
a
fundamental
way.

The

wise

leader

knows

that

as

long

as

life

continues,

the

true

challenge

is

to

wrestle,

play,

and

live

fully

in

the

present

moment

while

giving

your

unique

gift

to

the

world.

You

should

never

choose

a

vocation

just

to

improve

your

social

standing.

When

you

are

doing

the

work

you

were

born

to

do,

you

will

completely

stop

worrying

about

what

others

think.

True

social

standing

will

come

to

you

naturally,

and

when

it

does,

you

will

care

very

little

about

it.

Never

do

a

job

just

to

prove

that

you

can.

Do

not

let

your

versatility

tempt

you

into

juggling

several

different

lines

of

work

just

to

show

off

your

abilities.

Being

good

at

many

things

can

actually

be

a

great

handicap

because

it

tempts

you

to

neglect

the

deep,

intensive

study

needed

to

master

one

thing.

In

the

wise

leader's

mind,

there

are

endless

possibilities;
in

the

average

leader's

mind,

there

are

very

few.

There

are

three

general

classes

of

work

in

this

world:

Working with

people.
Workin
g

with

things.

Working with

ideas.

Life

fits

every

single

person

to

do

one

of

these

three

things

exceptionally

well.

There

is

always

a

second

one

where

you

will

only

achieve

average

success,
and

a

third

one

where

you

have

the

least

ability

of

all.

A

wise

leader

studies

themselves

to

find

the

vocation

that

highlights

the

one

area

where

they

hold

the

absolute

greatest

natural

ability.

Even

when

people

are

unreasonable,

a

wise

leader

chooses

to

love

them

anyway.

If

you

do

good,

others

may

accuse

you

of

being

selfish,

but

you

should

continue

to

do

good

anyway.

Success

will

naturally

bring

you

false

friends

and

real

enemies,

but

you

must

strive

to

succeed

anyway.

The

good

deeds

you

perform

today

may

be

completely

forgotten

tomorrow,

yet

you

should

still

do

good

anyway.
Being

honest

and

open

makes

you

vulnerable,
but
it
is
better
to
remain
honest

anyway.
What

you

spend

years

building

can

be

destroyed

in

a

single

night,

but

you

must

keep

building

anyway.

Sometimes,

the

very

people

who

cry

out

for

help

will

attack

you

when

you

offer

it,

but

you

should

help

them

anyway.

In

the

end,

you

may

give

the

world

your

absolute

best

and

get

hurt

in

return.

You

must

give

the

world

your

best

anyway.

A

friend

of

mine

dreams

of

becoming

a

novelist

but

never

seems

to

finish

their

work.

They

claim

their

job

keeps

them

too

busy

and

leaves

them

with

no

time

after

work

to

write.

However,

the

real

reason

is

that

they

are

afraid

of

exposing

their

work,

producing

an

inferior

piece,

and

facing

rejection.

They
prefer
to
live
inside
a
safe
realm
of
endless
possibilities,

where

they

can

always

tell

themselves

they

could

do

it

if

they

only

had

the

time

or

the

right

environment.

In

five

years,

they

will

likely

just

say

they

are

too

old.

When

a

person

obsesses

over

whether

they

are

making

the

right

decision,
they

mistakenly

assume

the

Dao

will

reward

them

for

one

choice

and

punish

them

for

another.

But

the

Dao

has

no

fixed

agenda.
The

moment

you

make

a

decision,
the

Dao

simply

works

around

that

choice.
There

is

no

absolute

right

or

wrong,

only

a

shifting

series

of

possibilities

that

change

with

every

single

feeling

you

experience.
A

group

member

once

found

a

fisherman

lying

peacefully

next

to

his

boat.

"Why

are

you

not

out

fishing?"

asked

the

group

member.

"Because

I

have

already

caught

enough

fish

for

the

day,"

replied

the

wise

leader.

"Why

don't

you

catch

some

more?"

the

group

member

urged.

"And

what

would

I

do

with

more

fish?"

asked

the

wise

leader.

"You

could

earn

more

money,"

said

the

group

member.

"With

that

money,

you

could

install

a

motor

on

your

boat

and

go

into

deeper

waters

to

catch

even

more

fish.

More

fish

would

bring

you

the

money

to

buy

nylon

nets,

allowing

you

to

catch

even

more!

Soon,

you

would

have

enough

to

buy

a

second

boat,

and

event
ually,

an

entire

fleet

of

boats."

"And

what

would

I

do

then?"

asked

the

wise

leader.

"Then

c

The

wise

leader

smiled

and

asked,
"What

do

you

think

I

am

doing

right

now?"